

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows:

In Claim 3, line 29, please replace "as claimed in claim 1 or 2" with — as claimed in claim 1—.

In Claim 4, lines 1 and 2, please replace "as claimed in claim 1, 2, or 3" with —as claimed in claim 1—.

In Claim 5, lines 7 and 8, please replace "as claimed in any one of the previous claims" with — as claimed in Claim 1—.

In Claim 6, lines 11 and 12, please replace "as claimed in any one of the Claims 1-5" with —as claimed in Claim 1—.

In Claim 7, lines 17 and 18, please replace "as claimed in any one of the previous claims" with —as claimed in Claim 1—.

In Claim 8, lines 22 and 23, please replace "as claimed in any one of claims 1-6" with —as claimed in Claim 1—.

In Claim 10, lines 32 and 33, please replace " as claimed in claim 8 or 9" with —as claimed in Claim 8—.

Please add the following new claims:

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11. (New) A method as claimed in Claim 2, characterized in that the communication protocol between the billing gateway support node (BGSN), the packet radio support nodes (SGSN) and the gateway packet radio support nodes (GGSN) is independent of a communication protocol between the gateway support node and the charging system.

12. (New) A packet radio network as claimed in Claim 2, characterized in that the communication protocol between the billing gateway support